Bridge on the Mavelikara-Trikkunnapuzha Road.

250. *MR. A. ACHUTHAN (*Kartikapalli I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any estimate had been prepared for the construction of a bridge on the Mavelikara-Trikkunnapuzha road and across the Pulikkizhu Canal a few furlongs to the west of the 9th milestone on the above road; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the reason for the delay caused in putting up the bridge?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings, and Irrigation*):

(*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

Appointments in Municipalities.

251. *MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government have directed the municipalities in the State that all vacancies that occur in future in the municipal staff should be reported to Government, and if, so, why such an order was issued; and

(*b*) whether it is the intention of Government that, in future, appointments in municipalities should be made by Government?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Government have asked the Presidents of all the municipalities of the State that the available vacancies in the subordinate staff in the respective municipalities should be reported to Government. This was done with a view to find out whether it would be possible to provide in any of those municipalities for the disbanded employees of the Mavelikara Municipality which was abolished with effect from 1st Kanni 1112.

(*b*) No.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): May I know how many persons were disbanded from the Mavelikara Municipality?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): May I know whether any of them has been provided for in other municipalties?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Not yet.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): May I know whether the power of the Presidents of the Municipalities in making appointments has been suspended till all the men disbanded have been provided for?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No. The Presidents of the municipalities have been asked to report whether there are vacancies so that the disbanded men can be appointed. The power of making appointments exercisable by the Presidents has not been interfered with.

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